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OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET



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**PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**



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Find your polling place:

On the back cover of this booklet

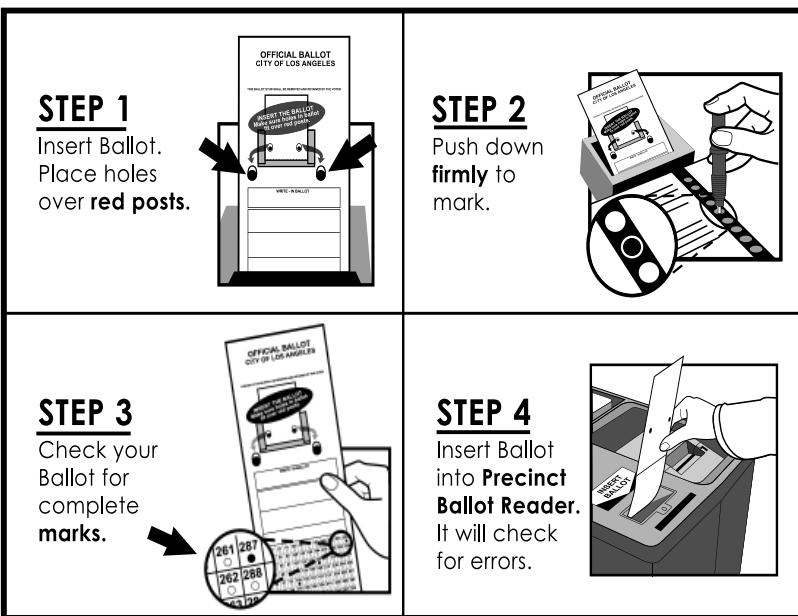
By visiting clerk.lacity.org/elections

By calling **(888) 873-1000**

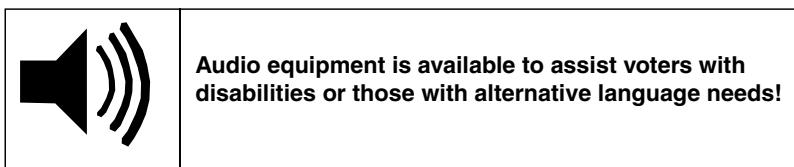
Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Voting Instructions

- Obtain an official ballot at your polling place on Election Day.
- Mark the ballot with the special ink marker provided.



- Ask a poll worker for another ballot if you make a mistake or damage your ballot.

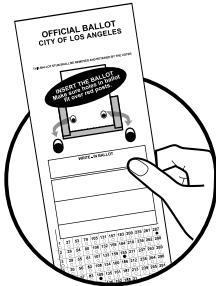


How do I Vote for a Candidate Not Listed on the Ballot?

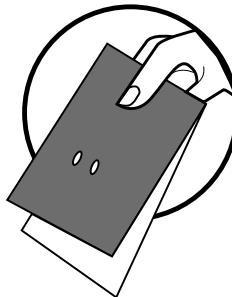
Write-in votes are valid for qualified write-in candidates only.

Voting for a write-in candidate at your polling place:

- 1 Write both the qualified candidate's office title and name in the space provided on the write-in long stub portion of the ballot.

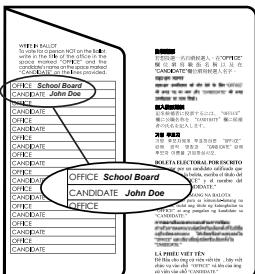


- 2 Fold stub over voted portion of the ballot and return to poll worker.



Voting for a write-in candidate by mail:

- 1 Write both the qualified candidate's office title and name on the inside of the gray Secrecy Sleeve.



- 2 Enclose ballot in gray Secrecy Sleeve and place in Ballot Return Envelope.



A certified list of qualified write-in candidates will be available one week prior to the election at clerk.lacity.org/elections. This list will also be available at your polling place on Election Day.



Candidate Statements

Each candidate has been given the opportunity to videotape a statement. The candidate video statements, along with translated transcripts, will be available for viewing approximately 21 days prior to the election. Candidate statements are available on our website at clerk.lacity.org/elections.

Candidate statements will also be available for viewing on:



LA CityView Channel 35

Limited air times.

*Please check program guide for schedule at:
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For additional information, contact us at (213) 978-0444.



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL BALLOT
PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION
March 3, 2015****MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4****Vote for One**

DAVID RYU Community Health Director	33 ► <input type="radio"/>
CAROLYN RAMSAY Councilmember's Staff Chief	34 ► <input type="radio"/>
JOAN PELICO Councilmember's Staff Chief	35 ► <input type="radio"/>
TEDDY DAVIS Attorney/Educator	36 ► <input type="radio"/>
STEP JONES Vapor Advocate	37 ► <input type="radio"/>
ROSTOM "ROSS" SARKISSIAN Small Business Owner	38 ► <input type="radio"/>
MIKE SCHAEFER Public Interest Advocate	39 ► <input type="radio"/>
WALLY KNOX Attorney	40 ► <input type="radio"/>
TOMÁS O'GRADY Nonprofit Director/Entrepreneur	41 ► <input type="radio"/>
JAY BEEBER Community Advocate/Businessman	42 ► <input type="radio"/>
TARA BANNISTER Association Director/Educator	43 ► <input type="radio"/>
SHEILA IRANI Businesswoman/Community Leader	44 ► <input type="radio"/>
FRED MARISCAL Marketing Executive	45 ► <input type="radio"/>
STEVE VERES Trustee, Los Angeles Colleges	46 ► <input type="radio"/>

Possible Term of 5½ Years

The proposed measure(s) to change the City of Los Angeles' municipal elections to June and November of even-numbered years starting in 2020 is also on this ballot. If this measure passes, candidates elected in 2015 and 2017 will be elected for a term of 5½ years to align terms with the new election dates.



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CITY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL BALLOT
PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION
March 3, 2015

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT 1	Vote for One
ANDRA HOFFMAN Community College Professor	237 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
MARIA "SOKIE" QUINTERO Community College Professor	238 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
MARK ISLER Teacher/Radio Host	239 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
FRANCESCA VEGA College Policy Director	240 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT 3	Vote for One
JOZEF "JOE" THOMAS ESSAVI Los Angeles County Commissioner/Businessperson	243 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
SYDNEY KAMLAGER Education Policy Advisor	244 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
SAM KBUSHYAN College Instructor	245 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
GLENN BAILEY Neighborhood Council Boardmember	246 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT 5	Vote for One
STEVE SCHULTE Environmental Science Instructor	249 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
SCOTT SVONKIN Community College Boardmember	250 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT 7	Vote for One
MIKE FONG Educator/Job Trainer	253 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
JOYCE BURRELL GARCIA Educator	254 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
JOHN C. BURKE Community College Faculty	255 <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>



CITY OF LOS ANGELES MEASURES

1

**NEW CITY ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES; ONE-TIME
ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION
DATES BY 2020. CHARTER AMENDMENT 1.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the City's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that City elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held; 4) enable initiative and referendum elections to be scheduled at either the next City or next State election; and 5) allow initiative proponents to withdraw their measure prior to scheduling an election?

YES 267 ►○

NO 268 ►○

2

**NEW ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES FOR THE LOS
ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD); ONE-
TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW
ELECTION DATES BY 2020. CHARTER AMENDMENT 2.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the LAUSD Board of Education's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that LAUSD elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; and 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held?

YES 273 ►○

NO 274 ►○

END OF BALLOT



Election Date Reminder

Election Day is Tuesday, March 3rd

March 2015						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close 8:00 p.m.



Voter Information Pamphlet

Charter Amendments 1 and 2

The next 2 pages contain simplified versions of the City ballot measures. The full text of each measure, along with other information, is printed after the Ballot Summary (see TABLE OF CONTENTS Page).

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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Voter's Notes

Election Day is Tuesday, March 3rd.

This page is necessary due to printing layouts.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

TITLE:

NEW CITY ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES; ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION DATES BY 2020.

THE ISSUE:

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the City's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that City elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held; 4) enable initiative and referendum elections to be scheduled at either the next City or next State election; and 5) allow initiative proponents to withdraw their measure prior to scheduling an election?

THE SITUATION:

Currently, City and State elections are held in different years. The City Charter requires City elections to be held in March and May of odd numbered years. State elections are held in June and November of even numbered years.

THE PROPOSAL:

This measure would change the City's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020. To shift to the new election dates, candidates elected in 2015 and 2017 would serve a term of 5½ years. The measure would make other related changes to election calendars, as described above.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You want to change the City's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020; approve a one-time change to candidate terms to align with these new dates; and approve other related election calendar changes.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not want to change the City's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020; approve a one-time change to candidate terms to align with these new dates; and approve other related election calendar changes.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE BEGINS ON PAGE 22



CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

TITLE:

NEW ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD); ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION DATES BY 2020.

THE ISSUE:

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the LAUSD Board of Education's primary and general election dates to June and November of even numbered years beginning in 2020 so that LAUSD elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; and 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held?

THE SITUATION:

Currently, LAUSD and State elections are held in different years. The City Charter controls LAUSD candidate elections and requires these elections to be held in March and May of odd numbered years. State elections are held in June and November of even numbered years.

THE PROPOSAL:

This measure would change the LAUSD's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020. To shift to the new election dates, candidates elected in 2015 and 2017 would serve a term of 5½ years. The measure would make other related changes to election calendars, as described above.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You want to change the LAUSD's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020; approve a one-time change to candidate terms to align with these new dates; and approve other related election calendar changes.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not want to change the LAUSD's election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020; approve a one-time change to candidate terms to align with these new dates; and approve other related election calendar changes.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE BEGINS ON PAGE 42



1 NEW CITY ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES; ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION DATES BY 2020. CHARTER AMENDMENT 1.

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the City's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that City elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held; 4) enable initiative and referendum elections to be scheduled at either the next City or next State election; and 5) allow initiative proponents to withdraw their measure prior to scheduling an election?

IMPARTIAL SUMMARY BY SHARON M. TSO, CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

The Los Angeles City Charter (Charter) establishes election dates for City elections. The measure would amend the Charter relative to election dates for primary nominating and general municipal elections, by making permanent, and one-time adjustments, to election schedules, terms of office, and other related changes to align City election laws with the new election dates.

The proposed measure would make the following changes:

- New City Election Dates - the measure would change the primary nominating election to the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years. The general municipal election would be held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years. These election days are the same as State elections. Currently, the primary nominating election is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in March, and the general municipal election is held on the third Tuesday in May, of odd-numbered years. Additionally, the start date of office for Elected Officials would change from the first day of July in odd-numbered years, to the second Monday of December in even-numbered years, to conform to the new election dates.
- Effective Date - this measure would take effect in the year 2020 for even-numbered Council Districts, and in the year 2022 for Citywide offices and odd-numbered Council Districts.
- Transition to New Election Dates - in order to align the new start date of office, the measure provides that City Officials elected in 2015 and 2017 would run for a 5 ½ year term. This transition would be a one-time adjustment. All City offices would resume 4 year terms effective 2020 and 2022.
- Vacancy Elections - the measure would provide the City Council with the option of calling a special election to fill a vacancy and to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacant office. Additionally, it would adjust the date until which an appointee would serve, to reflect the new election dates.
- Initiative Elections - the measure provides that the City Council may submit an initiative to the voters at the next regular City election, the next State election, or at a separate election. Also, the measure would allow initiative proponents to



withdraw their measure before an election on the initiative is scheduled, consistent with State law.

- Referendum Elections - the measure would allow the City Council to schedule an election on a referendum petition at the next regular City election, the next State election, or at a separate election.
- Recall Elections - the measure would require that a recall election be held between 88-125 days of Council action on a certified recall petition, consistent with State law.
- Redistricting Schedule - the measure would require that the redistricting process be completed six months earlier to be effective for the 2022 elections.
- Canvass Period - the measure would allow the City Clerk 28 days to canvass election returns, which would more closely align the Charter with State law.

The Charter requires that City and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) elections be administered together. The accompanying ballot measure, Charter Amendment 2, would make similar changes to the Charter in order to comply with the City's obligations of administering LAUSD elections. Therefore, both measures contain a contingency clause which would make the effectiveness of each measure dependent upon the passage of the other.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
BY MIGUEL A. SANTANA, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This measure will change municipal and LAUSD election dates so that they occur at the same time as federal and state elections, beginning in 2020. The measure will allow for the consolidation of the federal, state, city, and LAUSD elections. Consolidating elections may be dependent upon the successful implementation of LA County's Voting System Assessment Project. The total fiscal impact of this measure is unknown. The County's fees to conduct consolidated elections may depend upon the number of jurisdictions which elect to have the County conduct their elections on the same date. This measure provides for changes related to vacancies in elected offices, initiatives, and referendums, which may provide potential savings by decreasing the number of special elections required.



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

A government of the people and for the people requires participation **BY** the people. Elections are the great equalizer, allowing everyone's voice to be heard with the same weight without regard to race, age or gender.

Elections are sacred and allow our democracy to function.

Elections are also expensive—costing taxpayers millions of dollars. When we hold elections with very low voter turnout, we are wasting money and placing power directly into the hands of special interests—not the voters.

It's time for change.

It's time to simplify our election process and stop wasting taxpayer dollars.

A YES vote on Charter Amendment 1 will do this.

For as long as anyone can remember, Los Angeles holds elections for local offices like Mayor and City Councilmembers just a few months **AFTER** we vote for higher profile offices like President and U.S. Senator. Here's the result: In the November 2012 election, turnout was 71%. A few months later, turnout in the 2013 election for Mayor of Los Angeles was only 21%. That means barely one in five voters are making critical, quality of life decisions for the vast majority of Angelenos.

That's simply not democracy at its best!

Charter Amendment 1 will consolidate city elections with federal and state elections, vastly improve voter participation and potentially save millions of dollars that could be better spent on schools, parks, libraries, and fixing our roads to reduce traffic.

“... If switching to on-cycle elections means more people will be involved in choosing their local representatives, then Los Angeles shouldn't hesitate to do it.”

– Los Angeles Times (9/18/14)

Join the Los Angeles 2020 Commission, the Elections Reform Commission, Common Cause, neighborhood councils, academics, business groups, and your neighbors in supporting Charter Amendment 1. Vote YES for higher voter turnout. Vote YES for better democracy. Vote YES to save millions in taxpayer dollars.

Vote YES on Charter Amendment 1.

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

The assertion “Charter Amendment 1 … will save millions in taxpayer dollars” has no demonstrable basis in fact. Charter Amendment 1 does not eliminate the city’s elections or reduce their frequency – elections will still be conducted every two years. Only now, taxpayers will be paying L.A. County to run them as a contractor, at an unknown cost.

L.A. Councilmembers pushing to change city election dates cleverly built an extended 5 ½ year office term into the ballot language, instead of allowing you, the voter, to decide the length of term.

“This … seems like another attempt to treat the symptom instead of the disease, to puff up participation percentages without necessarily boosting civic engagement… it’s discouraging to see (city officials) pretend the problem is in the election system, when they should look inward and encourage the public to do the same.” - L.A. Daily News editorial (9/24/14)

Vote NO on Charter Amendment 1.

PERSONS SIGNING REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

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J. MICHAEL CAREY
Retired City Clerk
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ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

Don't let City Council bend the rules so some members can extend their terms.

Charter Amendment 1 gives a free extra 18 months in office to incumbent councilmembers who voted to place it on the ballot. It restricts the ability of city residents to have our election debates focused on neighborhood and local school concerns. It is bad for Los Angeles' political future and lacks accountability and fairness. Even the proposal's supporters acknowledge changing the election date does not solve the problem of declining voting. It only addresses a symptom.

Charter Amendment 1 shifts the city election schedule to even years - buried at the bottom of a crowded ballot after federal, state and county races and propositions. Competing in California's frantic general election environment, local contests would necessarily become exceedingly more expensive in the costlier context of a Presidential or gubernatorial election year. The result: candidates would be even more dependent on special interests to give them money. This would tilt the playing field toward favor-seekers, a corrupting influence over city governance, and expose our precious nonpartisan city elections to the skewed influence of partisan electioneering. Finally, this proposal gives away control of our elections to county government, at an unknown cost.

Real election reform should focus on earlier and expanded civics education, easier and more modernized voting procedures, scheduling elections on a weekend or encouraging a citywide voting holiday, and campaign reform.

Charter Amendment 1 is fake reform. A larger turnout at an even-year Presidential election (even-year gubernatorial elections are notoriously low turnout) does not necessarily translate to increased engagement of city voters with L.A.'s office elections, school elections and local propositions.

Charter Amendment 1 ignores genuine strategies to enable and engage informed voting. It gives officeholders an additional year and a half term without their needing to run. Vote NO on Charter Amendment 1.

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

It's common sense: higher voter participation will hold elected officials accountable to the public. Charter Amendment 1 would bring sunlight to our elections by tripling voter turnout, so that special interests can't operate in the shadows.

Even opponents of Charter Amendment 1 admit this. **In their own ballot argument, they say that Charter Amendment 1 would lead to "A larger turnout."**

We agree.

Opponents claim higher turnout elections would pose "an unknown cost."

That's because there is NO cost.

Every independent analysis says Charter Amendment 1 will save money because the city will no longer have to pay the costs for printing, mailing ballot pamphlets, hiring poll workers, and other election-related expenses.

Vote YES to put power back in the hands of the voters, not the special interests.

Vote YES to save taxpayer dollars needed to fund schools, libraries and parks—not more elections.

Vote YES on Charter Amendment 1.

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New provisions or language added to the Charter or to existing Charter sections are shown in underline type; words deleted from the Charter or from existing Charter sections are shown in ~~strikeout~~ type.

CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

Section 1. Section 204 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 204. Election of City Council Members; Redistricting.

(a) **Redistricting by Ordinance.** ~~Commencing in 2002~~Every ten years, the Council shall by ordinance redraw district lines to be used for all elections of Council members, including their recall, and for filling any vacancy in the office of member of the Council, after the effective date of the redistricting ordinance. Districts so formed shall each contain, as nearly as practicable, equal portions of the total population of the City as shown by the Federal Census immediately preceding the formation of districts.

(b) **Redistricting Commission.** There shall be a Redistricting Commission to advise the Council on drawing of Council district lines. The Commission members shall be appointed in the following manner: one by each Council member except that the Council President shall appoint two members, three by the Mayor, one by the City Attorney, and one by the Controller. No City officer or employee shall be eligible to serve on the Commission. The Redistricting Commission shall appoint a director and other personnel, consistent with budgetary approval, which positions shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of the Charter.

(c) **Redistricting Process.** The Redistricting Commission shall be appointed no later than the date by which the Census Bureau is to release decennial census data. A new Commission shall be appointed to advise the Council prior to each subsequent redistricting. The Commission shall begin the redistricting process at any time after the necessary data are obtained from the most recent Federal Census, but no later than ~~January 1, 2002~~June 1, 2021, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. The Commission shall seek public input throughout the redistricting process. The Commission shall present its proposal for redistricting to the Council no later than a date prescribed by ordinance.

The Council shall adopt a redistricting ordinance no later than ~~December 31, 2021~~July 1, 2002, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Council from redistricting with greater frequency provided that districts so formed each contain, as nearly as practicable, equal portions of the total population of the City as shown by the Federal Census immediately preceding the formation of districts or based upon other population reports or estimates determined by the Council to be substantially reliable.

(d) **Criteria for Redistricting.** All districts shall be drawn in conformance with requirements of state and federal law and, to the extent feasible, shall keep neighborhoods and communities intact, utilize natural boundaries or street lines, and be geographically compact.



(e) **Effect of Redistricting on Incumbents.** No change in the boundary or location of any district by redistricting shall operate to abolish or terminate the term of office of any member of the Council prior to expiration of the term of office for which the member was elected.

(f) **Annexation or Consolidation.** Any territory annexed to or consolidated with the City shall, prior to or concurrently with completion of the proceedings therefor, be added to an adjacent district or districts by the Council by ordinance, which addition shall be effective upon completion of the annexation or consolidation proceedings notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter to the contrary.

(g) **Terms.** The terms of office for those members of the Council elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 1997 and for the members elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 1999, except as provided in Section 205(b) and until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the terms of office for those members of the Council elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2020 and for the members elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2022.

Sec. 2. Section 205 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 205. Term of Office.

(a) The Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and members of the Council shall hold their offices for a term of four years except as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, in order to transition to new election dates starting in 2020, members of the Council elected in 2015 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2020 and the Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and members of the Council elected in the year 2017 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2022.

(c) The terms of all those an officials elected to City office shall commence on the first day of July next succeeding their election following his or her election until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the term of an official elected to City office shall commence on the second Monday in December next following his or her election.

(d) Except where a vacancy in office is created pursuant to Section 207, the incumbents of the elected and appointed offices shall hold office until their successors have qualified.

Sec. 3. Section 206 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 206. Term Limits.

No person may serve more than two terms of office as Mayor. No person may serve more than two terms of office as City Attorney. No person may serve more than two terms of office as Controller. No person may serve more than three terms of office as member of the City Council. These limitations on the number of terms of office shall apply only to terms of office that began on or after July 1, 1993. These limitations on the number of terms of



office shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of the term is less than one-half of the full term of office. For purposes of this Section, the term of office of officials elected in 2015 and 2017 as described in Section 205(b) shall count as one term.

Sec. 4. Section 401 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 401. Election Days – City of Los Angeles and Board of Education.

(a) Until the year 2020, fFor City offices and elections of the Board of Education, primary nominating elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in every odd-numbered year, and general municipal elections shall be held on the third Tuesday in May in every odd-numbered year, except that no such elections will be held in the year 2019 in order to transition to new election dates as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Beginning in the year 2020, for City offices and elections of the Board of Education, primary nominating elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in every even-numbered year, and general municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every even-numbered year.

(c) However, if holding the election on the election that day set forth above would conflict with a significant event or occurrence, and the Council finds that holding the election on that day would substantially reduce voter participation, the Council may set the election on a specific alternate day not earlier than the previous Tuesday nor later than the subsequent Tuesday from the regularly scheduled election day. The Council may set the alternate day only if it finds that holding the election on such alternate day would not substantially reduce voter participation. Any action setting an alternate election day must be adopted by the Council by resolution no later than six months before the date on which the affected election would otherwise take place.

Sec. 5. Section 402 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402. Ordinance Ordering the Holding of an Election.

The Council shall, by ordinance, order the holding of all elections. The ordinance ordering the election shall specify the object and time of holding the election and whether the election is to be conducted by the City Clerk or, alternatively, consolidated with another election or otherwise conducted by the County of Los Angeles. The ordinance also, shall establish election precincts, designate polling places, and name officers of election for each precinct, and: That ordinance may do so by making reference to other enactments or documents. Any ordinance ordering the holding of an election may also order the holding of a run-off election, to be held if necessary.

Sec. 6. Section 403 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:



Sec. 403. Officers of Election.

Officers of election ~~for elections conducted by the City Clerk shall be registered voters of the City, or of the School District in the case of Board of Education elections, and shall be selected and appointed in accordance with procedures set forth in the City Election Code.~~ No candidate who has taken out papers for nomination, nor a member of his or her immediate family, shall be permitted to act as an election officer, nor shall the polling place be held in his or her residence.

Sec. 7. Section 404 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 404. Returns of Election.

The returns of every election ~~conducted by the City Clerk~~ shall be delivered to the City Clerk, who shall, within ~~2-4-28~~ days after any election, canvass the returns and certify them to the Council, who shall declare the result and order the issuance of certificates of nomination or election as appropriate. The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of all of the elected officers. When any municipal election is consolidated with any state or county election, after the Board of Supervisors or Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County has canvassed the returns and certified the result of the canvass of all municipal questions submitted at the election to the Council, the Council shall declare the result ~~and order the issuance of certificates of nomination or election as appropriate~~. Any act in relation to the conduct of the election required by the Charter to be performed by an officer or employee of the City may be performed by the proper officer or employee of the county.

Sec. 8. Section 406 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 406. Recounts.

(a) **Applicability.** This section governs recounts of ~~all primary nominating, general municipal, and special elections of the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Unified School District conducted by the City Clerk and any elections of other jurisdictions consolidated with these elections.~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person from contesting the results of any election by judicial proceedings authorized by law.

(b) **Procedure.** Within five days after the Council's declaration of the results of an election, any registered voter of the City, or of the School District in the case of Board of Education elections, may file with the City Clerk a written request to recount all of the votes cast at that election for candidates for any office, or for and against any measure. The request shall comply with the requirements of the City Election Code. The recount shall be conducted publicly and shall commence not more than seven calendar days after the City Clerk's acceptance of the recount request. No person who is an interested party to the recount shall be involved in the recount. The recount shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in the City Election Code.

(c) **Results of Recount.** Upon completion of the recount, the Council shall declare the result. If any person who had not been declared nominated or elected is found upon the



recount to be entitled to nomination or election, the Council shall so declare and direct that the proper certificate of nomination or election be issued to that person. If by the recount it is determined that the result of a ballot measure election is different than as already declared, the Council shall so declare.

(d) **Costs of Recount.** Any request for recount shall be accompanied by a bond or cash deposit in a sum specified by ordinance, in a form satisfactory to the City Clerk. The bond or deposit shall be payable to the City of Los Angeles in the event that the recount does not change the result of the election. If the result of an election is changed by the recount, the expense of the recount shall be borne by the City, and the bond or cash deposit shall be returned to the elector who requested the recount. The results of an election are considered changed if the identity of any person who had been declared nominated or elected is changed, or if the approval or disapproval of any ballot measure is changed.

Sec. 9. Section 409 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 409. Filling Vacancies in the Offices of Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and Member of the City Council.

Vacancies in the offices of Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and members of the City Council shall be filled by either appointment or election in the manner set forth in this section.

(a) **Appointment.** For vacancies occurring prior to the year 2019, tThe Council may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining through the next June 30 of an odd-numbered year. For vacancies occurring in the year 2019 and afterward, the Council may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining until the next second Monday in December of an even-numbered year. If any portion of the term remains after that date, the Council shall also call a special election or elections to fill the remainder of the term, and shall consolidate the election with the primary nominating election and general municipal election next following the appointment. If a vacancy is filled by appointment after the first date fixed by law for filing a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate at the next primary nominating election, the person appointed shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) **Special Election.** Instead of filling a vacancy by appointment, tThe Council may call a special election, and special runoff election, if necessary, by ordinance for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Council shall provide in the ordinance for the consolidation of the election with any other election and for the procedure for nominating candidates, including the amount of the filing fee, if any, to be paid by candidates and other matters pertaining to the election. The Council also may appoint a person to hold the office temporarily until the vacancy election is conducted and the election results are certified and declared. In the case of a tie vote, the Council shall decide which candidate receiving an equal number of votes is elected to fill the vacancy.

(c) **Recall.** Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy may be removed from office by the recall in the same manner as if he or she had been elected to office.



Sec. 10. Section 410 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 410. Filling Vacancies in the Office of Members of the Board of Education.

Vacancies in the office of Members of the Board of Education shall be filled by either appointment or election in the manner set forth in this section.

(a) **Appointment.** For vacancies occurring prior to the year 2019, ~~t~~The Board of Education may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining through the next June 30 of an odd-numbered year. For vacancies occurring in the year 2019 and afterward, the Board of Education may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining until the next second Monday in December of an even-numbered year. If any portion of the term remains after that date, the Board shall also contract with the City of Los Angeles for the calling and conducting of a special election or elections to fill the remainder of the term, and the Council shall consolidate the election with the primary nominating election and general municipal election next following the appointment. If a vacancy is filled by appointment after the first date fixed by law for filing a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate at the next primary nominating election, the person appointed shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) **Special Election.** ~~Instead of filling a vacancy by appointment, t~~The Board of Education may contract with the City of Los Angeles for the calling and conducting of a special election or elections for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The contract shall be subject to approval by the City Council, and shall contain a provision that the Los Angeles Unified School District shall pay for all costs incurred in conducting the special election or elections. Unless otherwise specified in the contract, within 30 days of the Council's approval of the contract, the Council shall adopt a resolution calling a special election, and special runoff election, if necessary, for the purpose of filling the vacancy and provide in that ordinance the time for holding the election, whether consolidation with any other scheduled election will be sought; the procedures for nominating candidates, including the amount of the filing fee, if any, to be paid by candidates; and other matters pertaining to the election. The Board of Education also may appoint a person to hold the office temporarily until the vacancy election is conducted and the election results are certified and declared.

(c) **Recall.** Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy may be removed from office by the recall in the same manner as if he or she had otherwise been elected to office.

Sec. 11. Section 412 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 412. City Election Code; Amendments.

All elections conducted by the City Clerk, unless otherwise provided in the Charter, shall be conducted and held in accordance with the provisions of the City Election Code. No amendment to the City Election Code shall affect any election, petition, or other election-related proceeding occurring within six months following the publication of the ordinance effecting the amendment.



Sec. 12. Section 424 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 424. Primary Nominating Election Ballot.

The ballot for any primary nominating election conducted by the City Clerk shall be as follows:

(a) **Order of Placement.** The names of candidates who have qualified for placement on the ballot, except candidates who have withdrawn or died or otherwise been disqualified, together with any measures or propositions as ordered by the Council or otherwise required by law, shall appear on the ballot. The offices to be filled shall be arranged on the ballot as follows: Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, member of the Council, member of the Board of Education, followed by any other offices to be filled in the order determined by the Council. Measures and propositions shall appear on the ballot in the order determined by the Council.

(b) **Nonpartisan Ballot.** There shall be nothing on any ballot indicative of the party affiliation, source of candidacy or support of any candidate.

(c) **Write-in Candidates.** Each ballot shall provide an opportunity for voters to write-in, for each office on the ballot, the name of any person whose name does not appear on the ballot and for whom the voter wishes to vote.

Sec. 13. Section 426 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 426. General Election Ballot.

The ballot for any general election conducted by the City Clerk shall be in the same general form as for the primary nominating election, so far as applicable, and without any indication as to the party affiliation, source of candidacy or support of any candidate.

Sec. 14. Section 432 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 432. Action by Council on Recall Petition.

When a recall petition is presented to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council shall within 20 days, by order or ordinance, call for the holding of a special election, and if necessary a special runoff election, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City at large, of the Council district, or of the Board district, as the case may be, the question of whether the officer shall be recalled, and if recalled, for the election of his or her successor. The special election shall be held not less than 8860 days nor more than 140125 days after the date of Council action on the petition; provided, however, that if any other election for any purpose at which all the qualified voters of the City, of the Council District, or of the Board District, as the case may be, are entitled to vote, is to occur during that time period, the Council shall order the holding of the recall election and the consolidation thereof with such other election.

Sec. 15. Section 452 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:



Sec. 452. Action by Council on Initiative Petition Requesting Adoption of Ordinance.

(a) The proponents of an initiative petition may withdraw the petition at any time before the Clerk certifies that the petition has qualified for presentation to the Council.

(b) When an initiative petition requesting the adoption by the Council of a proposed ordinance is presented to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council must take one of the following actions within 20 days after the presentation, unless the petition is withdrawn by the proponents:

(1a) adopt the proposed ordinance, without alteration;

(2b) call a special election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after Council action on the petition to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City; and/or

(e3) determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the earlier of the following two elections that occurs either the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition or the next Statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition.:

(1) the next regular City election; or

(2) a special election consolidated with the next election conducted by the County of Los Angeles occurring wholly or partially within the same area, provided that the voters eligible to vote in the County conducted election comprise 100% of all the voters eligible to vote on the measure.

(c) Any ordinance proposed by initiative petition, adopted by the Council and approved by the Mayor, or adopted over the Mayor's veto, shall be subject to a referendum vote as provided in Section 460 in the same manner as other ordinances adopted by the Council.

Sec. 16. Section 453 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 453. Action by Council on Initiative Petition Requesting Amendment or Repeal of Ordinance.

When an initiative petition requesting the submission of a proposed ordinance amending or repealing an ordinance previously adopted by a vote of the electors is presented to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council must act within 20 days of presentation to submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors of the City as provided in Section 452(b)(2) or (3), unless the petition is withdrawn by the proponents at the next election for any purpose at which all the qualified voters of the City are entitled to vote, that shall be held at any time after 90 days from the date of the certification of the petition to the Council by the City Clerk.

Sec. 17. Section 462 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:



Sec. 462. Action by City Council on Referendary Petition.

When a referendary petition is presented to the City Council by the City Clerk, the Council must take one of the following actions within 20 days of the presentation:

(a) repeal the ordinance;

(b) call a special election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after action by the Council on the petition to submit the ordinance to a referendary vote; or

(c) determine to submit the ordinance to a vote of the qualified electors of the City for approval or rejection at either the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from the date of certification of the such petition or the next Statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles to be held more than 110 days from the date of certification of the petition.

Sec. 18. Section 802 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 802. Board of Education Redistricting.

(a) **Redistricting by Ordinance.** Every ten years~~Commencing in 2002~~, the Council shall by ordinance redistrict the Los Angeles Unified School District into seven districts designated in the ordinance by numbers from one to seven, inclusive. Those districts shall be used for all elections of members of the Board of Education, including their recall, and for filling any vacancy in the office of member of the Board of Education, after the effective date of the ordinance and until new districts are established.

(b) **Redistricting Commission.** There shall be a Redistricting Commission to advise the Council on drawing of Board district lines. The Commission members shall be appointed in the following manner: one by each member of the Board of Education, four by the Council President, and four by the Mayor. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 501(d), one of the Council President's appointees, and one of the Mayor's appointees, must reside within the Los Angeles Unified School District but outside the limits of the City. No officer or employee of the School District shall be eligible to serve on the Commission. The Redistricting Commission shall appoint a director and other personnel, consistent with budgetary approval, which positions shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of the Charter.

(c) **Redistricting Process.** The Redistricting Commission shall be appointed before the date by which the Census Bureau is to release the decennial census data. A new Commission shall be appointed to advise the Council prior to each subsequent redistricting. The Commission shall begin the redistricting process at any time after the necessary data are obtained from the most recent Federal Census, but no later than January 1, 2002~~June 1, 2021~~, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. The Commission shall seek public input throughout the redistricting process. The Commission shall present its proposal for redistricting to the Council no later than a date prescribed by ordinance.

The Council shall adopt a redistricting ordinance no later than July 1, 2002~~December~~



31, 2021, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Council from redistricting with greater frequency provided that districts so formed each contain, as nearly as practicable, equal portions of the total population of the Los Angeles Unified School District as shown by the Federal Census immediately preceding the formation of districts or based upon other population reports or estimates as may be determined by the Council to be substantially reliable.

(d) **Criteria for Redistricting.** All districts shall be drawn in conformance with the requirements of state and federal law and to the extent feasible shall keep neighborhoods and communities intact, utilize natural boundaries or street lines, be geographically compact, and conform to high school attendance zones.

(e) **Effect of Redistricting on Incumbents.** No change in the boundary or location of any district by redistricting shall operate to abolish or terminate the term of office of any member of the Board of Education prior to expiration of the term of office for which that member was elected.

(f) **Annexation or Consolidation.** Territory added to the Los Angeles Unified School District after the adoption of a districting ordinance shall be added to an adjacent and contiguous district or districts by the Council by ordinance.

(g) **Terms of Office.** Members of the Board of Education shall hold their office for a term of four years except as provided in Section 806. The terms of office of those Board members elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of 1979, and for the members elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of 1981, except as provided in Section 806 and until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the terms of office of those Board members elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2020 and for the members elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2022. No person may serve more than three terms of office as a member of the Board of Education. This limitation on the number of terms of office shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of the term is less than one-half of the full term of office. The limitation on the number of terms of office shall apply only to terms of office that begin on or after March 1, 2007.

Sec. 19. A new Section 806 is added to the Charter of the City of Los Angeles to read as follows:

Sec. 806. Board of Education Term of Office.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, in order to transition to new election dates starting in 2020, Board of Education members elected in 2015 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2020 and members elected in 2017 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2022.



(b) The term of a member of the Board of Education shall commence on the first day of July next following his or her election until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the term of a member of the Board of Education shall commence on the second Monday in December next following his or her election.

(c) For purposes of the term limits contained in Section 802(g), the term of office of Board of Education members elected in 2015 and 2017 as described in subsection (a) of this Section shall count as one term.

Sec. 20. The amendments to the Charter proposed and contained in Sections 1 through 19 above shall not become operative unless the separate Charter Amendment 2, similarly changing the election dates for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, also is approved by the voters of the Los Angeles Unified School District.



2 NEW ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD); ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION DATES BY 2020. CHARTER AMENDMENT 2.

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the LAUSD Board of Education's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that LAUSD elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5½ years to transition to the new election dates; and 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held?

IMPARTIAL SUMMARY BY SHARON M. TSO, CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

The Los Angeles City Charter (Charter) establishes election dates for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) elections. The measure would amend the Charter relative to election dates for primary nominating and general municipal elections for the LAUSD Board of Education, by making permanent, and one-time adjustments, to election schedules, terms of office, and other related changes to align City election laws with the new election dates.

The proposed measure would make the following changes:

- New LAUSD Election Dates - the measure would change the primary nominating election to the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years. The general municipal election would be held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years. These election days are the same as State elections. Currently, the primary nominating election is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in March, and the general municipal election is held on the third Tuesday in May, of odd-numbered years. Additionally, the start date of office for Board of Education Officials would change from the first day of July in odd-numbered years, to the second Monday of December in even-numbered years, to conform to the new election dates.
- Effective Date - this measure would take effect in the year 2020 for odd-numbered Board of Education districts, and in the year 2022 for even-numbered Board of Education districts.
- Transition to New Election Dates - in order to align the new start date of office, the measure provides that Board of Education Officials elected in 2015 and 2017 would run for a 5 ½ year term. This transition would be a one-time adjustment. All Board of Education offices would resume 4 year terms effective 2020 and 2022.
- Vacancy Elections - the measure would provide the Board of Education with the option of calling a special election to fill a vacancy and to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacant office. Additionally, it would adjust the date until which an appointee would serve, to reflect the new election dates.
- Recall Elections - the measure would require that a recall election be held between 88-125 days of Council action on a certified recall petition, consistent with State law.
- Redistricting Schedule - the measure would require that the redistricting process be completed six months earlier to be effective for the 2022 elections.



- Canvass Period - the measure would allow the City Clerk 28 days to canvass election returns, which would more closely align the Charter with State law.

The Charter requires that LAUSD and City elections be administered together. The accompanying ballot measure, Charter Amendment 1, would make similar changes to the Charter for City elections. Therefore, both measures contain a contingency clause which would make the effectiveness of each measure dependent upon the passage of the other.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
BY MIGUEL A. SANTANA, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This measure will change municipal and LAUSD election dates so that they occur at the same time as federal and state elections, beginning in 2020. The measure will allow for the consolidation of the federal, state, city, and LAUSD elections. Consolidating elections may be dependent upon the successful implementation of LA County's Voting System Assessment Project. The total fiscal impact of this measure is unknown. The County's fees to conduct consolidated elections may depend upon the number of jurisdictions which elect to have the County conduct their elections on the same date. This measure provides for changes related to vacancies in elected offices, which may provide potential savings by decreasing the number of special elections required.



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

A government of the people and for the people requires participation **BY** the people. Elections are the great equalizer, allowing everyone's voice to be heard with the same weight without regard to race, age or gender.

Elections are sacred and allow our democracy to function.

Elections are also expensive—costing taxpayers millions of dollars. When we hold elections with very low voter turnout, we are wasting money and placing power directly into the hands of special interests—not the voters.

It's time for change.

It's time to simplify our election process and stop wasting taxpayer dollars.

A YES vote on Charter Amendment 2 will do this.

For as long as anyone can remember, Los Angeles holds elections for local offices like LAUSD School Boardmembers just a few months **AFTER** we vote for higher profile offices like President and U.S. Senator. Here's the result: In the November 2012 election, turnout was 71%. A few months later, turnout in the 2013 election for three LAUSD Boardmembers was only 21%! That means barely one in five voters are making critical, quality of life decisions for the vast majority of Angelenos.

That's simply not democracy at its best!

Charter Amendment 2 will consolidate LAUSD elections with federal and state elections, vastly improve voter participation and potentially save LA millions of dollars that could be better spent on schools, parks, libraries, and fixing our roads to reduce traffic.

“... If switching to on-cycle elections means more people will be involved in choosing their local representatives, then Los Angeles shouldn't hesitate to do it.”

– Los Angeles Times (9/18/14)

Join the Los Angeles 2020 Commission, the Elections Reform Commission, Common Cause, neighborhood councils, academics, business groups, and your neighbors in supporting Charter Amendment 2. Vote YES for higher voter turnout. Vote YES for better democracy. Vote YES to save millions in taxpayer dollars.

Vote YES on Charter Amendment 2.

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

The assertion “Charter Amendment 2 … will save millions in taxpayer dollars” has no demonstrable basis in fact. Charter Amendment 2 does not eliminate school board elections or reduce their frequency – elections will still be conducted every two years. Only now, taxpayers will be paying L.A. County to run them as a contractor, at an unknown cost.

L.A. Councilmembers pushing to change school board election dates cleverly built an extended 5 ½ year office term into the ballot language, instead of allowing you, the voter, to decide the length of term.

“This … seems like another attempt to treat the symptom instead of the disease, to puff up participation percentages without necessarily boosting civic engagement… it’s discouraging to see (city officials) pretend the problem is in the election system, when they should look inward and encourage the public to do the same.” - L.A. Daily News editorial (9/24/14)

Vote NO on Charter Amendment 2.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

Charter Amendment 2 shifts Los Angeles School Board elections to even years - buried at the bottom of a crowded ballot after federal, state, county and city races and propositions. Competing in California's frantic general election environment, local contests would necessarily become exceedingly more expensive and community-based candidates would have less competitive equality. The result: candidates would be even more dependent on special interests to give them money. Combining local elections with so many other offices would tilt the playing field toward favor-seekers, a corrupting influence over LAUSD governance, and expose our precious nonpartisan school board elections to the skewed influence of partisan electioneering.

Charter Amendment 2 gives incumbent school board members a free extra year and a half in office. It restricts the ability of parents to have election debates focused on local school concerns. It is bad for Los Angeles' educational future and lacks accountability and fairness. Even the proposal's supporters acknowledge changing the election date does not solve the problem of declining voting. It only addresses a symptom.

School board candidates are the most closely tied to community and neighborhood support. This measure would drive up the costs of their candidacies in the much more expensive context of a Presidential or gubernatorial election year, without providing candidates any matching funds. Special interests' strong grip on the machinery of electioneering in partisan federal, state and county campaigns dominates the even-year ballot and would become stronger.

Real election reform should focus on earlier and expanded civics education, easier and more modernized voting procedures, scheduling elections on a weekend, and campaign reform.

Charter Amendment 2 is fake reform. It flies in the face of the very effort to engage voters and increase trust in the democratic process that proponents suggest. Vote NO on Charter Amendment 2.

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

It's common sense: higher voter participation will hold elected officials accountable to the public. Charter Amendment 2 would bring sunlight to our elections by tripling voter turnout, so that special interests can't operate in the shadows.

Even the chief opponents of Charter Amendment 2 have admitted that the reforms in **Charter Amendment 2 would lead to "A larger turnout."**

We agree.

Opponents claim higher turnout elections would pose "an unknown cost."

That's because there is NO cost.

Every independent analysis says Charter Amendment 2 will *save* money because the LAUSD will no longer have to pay the costs for printing, mailing ballot pamphlets, hiring poll workers, and other election-related expenses.

Vote YES to put power back in the hands of the voters, not the special interests.

Vote YES to save taxpayer dollars needed to fund schools, libraries and parks—not more elections.

Vote YES on Charter Amendment 2.

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New provisions or language added to the Charter or to existing Charter sections are shown in underline type; words deleted from the Charter or from existing Charter sections are shown in ~~strikeout~~ type.

CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

Section 1. Section 401 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 401. Election Days – City of Los Angeles and Board of Education.

(a) ~~Until the year 2020, f~~For City offices and elections of the Board of Education, primary nominating elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in every odd-numbered year, and general municipal elections shall be held on the third Tuesday in May in every odd-numbered year, except that no such elections will be held in the year 2019 in order to transition to new election dates as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Beginning in the year 2020, for City offices and elections of the Board of Education, primary nominating elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in every even-numbered year, and general municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every even-numbered year.

(c) However, if holding the election on the election that day set forth above would conflict with a significant event or occurrence, and the Council finds that holding the election on that day would substantially reduce voter participation, the Council may set the election on a specific alternate day not earlier than the previous Tuesday nor later than the subsequent Tuesday from the regularly scheduled election day. The Council may set the alternate day only if it finds that holding the election on such alternate day would not substantially reduce voter participation. Any action setting an alternate election day must be adopted by the Council by resolution no later than six months before the date on which the affected election would otherwise take place.

Sec. 2. Section 402 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402. Ordinance Ordering the Holding of an Election.

The Council shall, by ordinance, order the holding of all elections. The ordinance ordering the election shall specify the object and time of holding the election and whether the election is to be conducted by the City Clerk or, alternatively, consolidated with another election or otherwise conducted by the County of Los Angeles. The ordinance also, shall establish election precincts, designate polling places, and name officers of election for each precinct, and. That ordinance may do so by making reference to other enactments or documents. Any ordinance ordering the holding of an election may also order the holding of a run-off election, to be held if necessary.

Sec. 3. Section 403 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:



Sec. 403. Officers of Election.

Officers of election ~~for elections conducted by the City Clerk shall be registered voters of the City, or of the School District in the case of Board of Education elections, and shall be selected and appointed in accordance with procedures set forth in the City Election Code. No candidate who has taken out papers for nomination, nor a member of his or her immediate family, shall be permitted to act as an election officer, nor shall the polling place be held in his or her residence.~~

Sec. 4. Section 404 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 404. Returns of Election.

The returns of every election ~~conducted by the City Clerk~~ shall be delivered to the City Clerk, who shall, within ~~2428~~ days after any election, canvass the returns and certify them to the Council, who shall declare the result and order the issuance of certificates of nomination or election as appropriate. The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of all of the elected officers. When any municipal election is consolidated with any state or county election, after the Board of Supervisors or Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County has canvassed the returns and certified the result of the canvass of all municipal questions submitted at the election to the Council, the Council shall declare the result ~~and order the issuance of certificates of nomination or election as appropriate~~. Any act in relation to the conduct of the election required by the Charter to be performed by an officer or employee of the City may be performed by the proper officer or employee of the county.

Sec. 5. Section 406 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 406. Recounts.

(a) **Applicability.** This section governs recounts of ~~all primary nominating, general municipal, and special elections of the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Unified School District conducted by the City Clerk and any elections of other jurisdictions consolidated with these elections.~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person from contesting the results of any election by judicial proceedings authorized by law.

(b) **Procedure.** Within five days after the Council's declaration of the results of an election, any registered voter of the City, or of the School District in the case of Board of Education elections, may file with the City Clerk a written request to recount all of the votes cast at that election for candidates for any office, or for and against any measure. The request shall comply with the requirements of the City Election Code. The recount shall be conducted publicly and shall commence not more than seven calendar days after the City Clerk's acceptance of the recount request. No person who is an interested party to the recount shall be involved in the recount. The recount shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in the City Election Code.

(c) **Results of Recount.** Upon completion of the recount, the Council shall declare the result. If any person who had not been declared nominated or elected is found upon the



recount to be entitled to nomination or election, the Council shall so declare and direct that the proper certificate of nomination or election be issued to that person. If by the recount it is determined that the result of a ballot measure election is different than as already declared, the Council shall so declare.

(d) **Costs of Recount.** Any request for recount shall be accompanied by a bond or cash deposit in a sum specified by ordinance, in a form satisfactory to the City Clerk. The bond or deposit shall be payable to the City of Los Angeles in the event that the recount does not change the result of the election. If the result of an election is changed by the recount, the expense of the recount shall be borne by the City, and the bond or cash deposit shall be returned to the elector who requested the recount. The results of an election are considered changed if the identity of any person who had been declared nominated or elected is changed, or if the approval or disapproval of any ballot measure is changed.

Sec. 6. Section 410 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 410. Filling Vacancies in the Office of Members of the Board of Education.

Vacancies in the office of Members of the Board of Education shall be filled by ~~either~~ appointment or election in the manner set forth in this section.

(a) **Appointment.** ~~For vacancies occurring prior to the year 2019, the Board of Education may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining through the next June 30 of an odd-numbered year. For vacancies occurring in the year 2019 and afterward, the Board of Education may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the portion of the unexpired term remaining until the next second Monday in December of an even-numbered year.~~ If any portion of the term remains after that date, the Board shall also contract with the City of Los Angeles for the calling and conducting of a special election or elections to fill the remainder of the term, and the Council shall consolidate the election with the primary nominating election and general municipal election next following the appointment. If a vacancy is filled by appointment after the first date fixed by law for filing a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate at the next primary nominating election, the person appointed shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) **Special Election.** ~~Instead of filling a vacancy by appointment, the Board of Education may contract with the City of Los Angeles for the calling and conducting of a special election or elections for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The contract shall be subject to approval by the City Council, and shall contain a provision that the Los Angeles Unified School District shall pay for all costs incurred in conducting the special election or elections. Unless otherwise specified in the contract, within 30 days of the Council's approval of the contract, the Council shall adopt a resolution calling a special election, and special runoff election, if necessary, for the purpose of filling the vacancy and provide in that ordinance the time for holding the election, whether consolidation with any other scheduled election will be sought; the procedures for nominating candidates, including the amount of the filing fee, if any, to be paid by candidates; and other matters~~



pertaining to the election. The Board of Education also may appoint a person to hold the office temporarily until the vacancy election is conducted and the election results are certified and declared.

(c) **Recall.** Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy may be removed from office by the recall in the same manner as if he or she had otherwise been elected to office.

Sec. 7. Section 412 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 412. City Election Code; Amendments.

All elections conducted by the City Clerk, unless otherwise provided in the Charter, shall be conducted and held in accordance with the provisions of the City Election Code. No amendment to the City Election Code shall affect any election, petition, or other election-related proceeding occurring within six months following the publication of the ordinance effecting the amendment.

Sec. 8. Section 424 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 424. Primary Nominating Election Ballot.

The ballot for any primary nominating election conducted by the City Clerk shall be as follows:

(a) **Order of Placement.** The names of candidates who have qualified for placement on the ballot, except candidates who have withdrawn or died or otherwise been disqualified, together with any measures or propositions as ordered by the Council or otherwise required by law, shall appear on the ballot. The offices to be filled shall be arranged on the ballot as follows: Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, member of the Council, member of the Board of Education, followed by any other offices to be filled in the order determined by the Council. Measures and propositions shall appear on the ballot in the order determined by the Council.

(b) **Nonpartisan Ballot.** There shall be nothing on any ballot indicative of the party affiliation, source of candidacy or support of any candidate.

(c) **Write-in Candidates.** Each ballot shall provide an opportunity for voters to write-in, for each office on the ballot, the name of any person whose name does not appear on the ballot and for whom the voter wishes to vote.

Sec. 9. Section 426 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 426. General Election Ballot.

The ballot for any general election conducted by the City Clerk shall be in the same general form as for the primary nominating election, so far as applicable, and without any indication as to the party affiliation, source of candidacy or support of any candidate.

Sec. 10. Section 432 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:



Sec. 432. Action by Council on Recall Petition.

When a recall petition is presented to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council shall within 20 days, by order or ordinance, call for the holding of a special election, and if necessary a special runoff election, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City at large, of the Council district, or of the Board district, as the case may be, the question of whether the officer shall be recalled, and if recalled, for the election of his or her successor. The special election shall be held not less than 8860 days nor more than 110125 days after the date of Council action on the petition; provided, however, that if any other election for any purpose at which all the qualified voters of the City, of the Council District, or of the Board District, as the case may be, are entitled to vote, is to occur during that time period, the Council shall order the holding of the recall election and the consolidation thereof with such other election.

Sec. 11. Section 802 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 802. Board of Education Redistricting.

(a) **Redistricting by Ordinance.** Every ten years~~Commencing in 2002~~, the Council shall by ordinance redistrict the Los Angeles Unified School District into seven districts designated in the ordinance by numbers from one to seven, inclusive. Those districts shall be used for all elections of members of the Board of Education, including their recall, and for filling any vacancy in the office of member of the Board of Education, after the effective date of the ordinance and until new districts are established.

(b) **Redistricting Commission.** There shall be a Redistricting Commission to advise the Council on drawing of Board district lines. The Commission members shall be appointed in the following manner: one by each member of the Board of Education, four by the Council President, and four by the Mayor. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 501(d), one of the Council President's appointees, and one of the Mayor's appointees, must reside within the Los Angeles Unified School District but outside the limits of the City. No officer or employee of the School District shall be eligible to serve on the Commission. The Redistricting Commission shall appoint a director and other personnel, consistent with budgetary approval, which positions shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of the Charter.

(c) **Redistricting Process.** The Redistricting Commission shall be appointed before the date by which the Census Bureau is to release the decennial census data. A new Commission shall be appointed to advise the Council prior to each subsequent redistricting. The Commission shall begin the redistricting process at any time after the necessary data are obtained from the most recent Federal Census, but no later than January 1, 2002~~June 1, 2021~~, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. The Commission shall seek public input throughout the redistricting process. The Commission shall present its proposal for redistricting to the Council no later than a date prescribed by ordinance.

The Council shall adopt a redistricting ordinance no later than July 1, 2002~~December 31, 2021~~, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date, for redistricting processes occurring after the year 2020. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Council from redistricting



with greater frequency provided that districts so formed each contain, as nearly as practicable, equal portions of the total population of the Los Angeles Unified School District as shown by the Federal Census immediately preceding the formation of districts or based upon other population reports or estimates as may be determined by the Council to be substantially reliable.

(d) **Criteria for Redistricting.** All districts shall be drawn in conformance with the requirements of state and federal law and to the extent feasible shall keep neighborhoods and communities intact, utilize natural boundaries or street lines, be geographically compact, and conform to high school attendance zones.

(e) **Effect of Redistricting on Incumbents.** No change in the boundary or location of any district by redistricting shall operate to abolish or terminate the term of office of any member of the Board of Education prior to expiration of the term of office for which that member was elected.

(f) **Annexation or Consolidation.** Territory added to the Los Angeles Unified School District after the adoption of a districting ordinance shall be added to an adjacent and contiguous district or districts by the Council by ordinance.

(g) **Terms of Office.** Members of the Board of Education shall hold their office for a term of four years except as provided in Section 806. The terms of office of those Board members elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of 1979, and for the members elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of 1981, except as provided in Section 806 and until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the terms of office of those Board members elected from odd-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2020 and for the members elected from even-numbered districts shall commence during each fourth anniversary of the year 2022. No person may serve more than three terms of office as a member of the Board of Education. This limitation on the number of terms of office shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of the term is less than one-half of the full term of office. The limitation on the number of terms of office shall apply only to terms of office that begin on or after March 1, 2007.

Sec. 12. A new Section 806 is added to the Charter of the City of Los Angeles to read as follows:

Sec. 806. Board of Education Term of Office.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, in order to transition to new election dates starting in 2020, Board of Education members elected in 2015 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2020 and members elected in 2017 shall be elected for a term expiring in December 2022.

(b) The term of a member of the Board of Education shall commence on the first day of July next following his or her election until the year 2020. Beginning in the year 2020, the term of a member of the Board of Education shall commence on the second Monday in December next following his or her election.



(c) For purposes of the term limits contained in Section 802(g), the term of office of Board of Education members elected in 2015 and 2017 as described in subsection (a) of this Section shall count as one term.

Sec. 13. The amendments to the Charter proposed and contained in Sections 1 through 12 above shall not become operative unless the separate Charter Amendment 1, similarly changing the election dates for the City of Los Angeles, also is approved by the voters of the City of Los Angeles.



Voter Bill of Rights

1. **You have the right** to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.
2. **You have the right** to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.
3. **You have the right** to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.
4. **You have the right** to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.
5. **You have the right** to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.
6. **You have the right** to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.
7. **You have the right** to return a completed vote-by-mail ballot to any precinct in the county.
8. **You have the right** to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.
9. **You have the right** to ask questions about election procedures and observe the elections process.
10. **You have the right** to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's Office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free VOTER HOTLINE at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).



Online Service



Did you know that you can receive your Official Sample Ballot by email?
Sign up at lavote.net

Other Online Services:

Los Angeles City Clerk website clerk.lacity.org/elections

- Request a Vote-By-Mail ballot
- Check your Vote-By-Mail status
- Locate your polling place & view your sample ballot
- Apply to be a poll worker
- Audio files
- Candidate information
- Election results

Los Angeles County website lavote.net

- Register to vote
- Look up your voter registration status

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For additional information, contact us at (213) 978-0444.



Poll Workers Needed

Earn up to \$175 for the day!

What are the requirements to be a poll worker?

- At least 18 years old
- A United States citizen
- A registered voter in Los Angeles County
- Able to speak, read, and write English
(Bilingual ability is greatly needed)

What are the responsibilities of a poll worker?

- Attend a 2¹/₂ hour training session
- Serve on Election Day 6:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Assist with setting up the polling place
- Process voters and provide support
- Assist with closing the poll and packing supplies

How do I apply to be a poll worker?

Contact us at **(866) 899-8683, option 1**

or visit our website: **clerk.lacity.org/Elections/Pollworkers/**

Polling Places Needed

Earn \$50 per precinct for the day!

Contact us if you would like to use your facility as a polling place.

(866) 899-8683, option 3



Parking at Your Polling Place



Do not let parking concerns keep you from voting on Election Day, March 3, 2015.

The following City of Los Angeles parking rules will not be enforced within one block of every designated polling place on Election Day:

- **Inserting coins at paid parking meters.**
- **Time limits at parking meters.**
- **Street cleaning parking restrictions.**
- **Permit parking restrictions.**

For additional information, contact us at **(213) 978-0444 or (888) 873-1000**



Voter's Notes

Election Day is Tuesday, March 3rd.

This page is necessary due to printing layouts.



Information for Voters with Special Needs

Wheelchair Accessibility (888) 873-1000



Your polling place is shown on the back cover of this booklet. The word "access" is printed below the wheelchair accessibility symbol to indicate a polling place's accessibility.

Curbside Voting:

Curbside voting is available for people who are unable to make their way from their vehicle to the polling place.

Assistive Devices on Election Day:

Assistive devices at polling place include magnifying glass, dexterity ball, and wheelchair accessible voting booth.

Audio Recordings (213) 978-0444



Audio equipment is available at your polling place to assist you.

Audio recordings of the offices and/or measures included in this booklet are available in English, Armenian, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. These recordings are available on our website: **clerk.lacity.org/elections** under the "Voters" tab, and at the following locations:

Braille Institute Library
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 660-3880

Central Library
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 228-7000

Voters may also request a copy of the audio recordings from our office:
Office of the City Clerk-Election Division
Attn: Audio Recordings
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TTY Phone Number (213) 485-2121

A TTY phone number is provided for voters who are hearing impaired.

Language Assistance (800) 994-8683

The City also provides voting materials in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Registered voters can request an Official Sample Ballot in any of the above languages.



Contact Us

Election Information

(888) 873-1000

Registering to Vote **(800) 815-2666 / (562) 466-1310**

You must register to vote at least 15 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election. An online voter registration form is available at the California Secretary of State's website: **registertovote.ca.gov**. Applications are available at DMV Offices and other public places.

Polling Place Location **(888) 873-1000 / (213) 978-0444**

Your polling place is shown on the back cover of this booklet.

Vote-By-Mail **(213) 978-8050**

Use the application on the back cover of this booklet, or from our website.

TTY Phone Number **(213) 485-2121**

A TTY phone number is provided for voters who are hearing impaired.

Wheelchair Accessibility **(888) 873-1000**

A designation on the back of this booklet indicates wheelchair accessibility at your polling place.

Poll Workers **(866) 899-8683 / (888) 873-1000**

City poll workers are recruited for each City election. Poll workers can earn between \$80 and \$175 for their service.

Language Assistance **(800) 994-VOTE (8683)**

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Audio Recordings **(213) 978-0444**

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Los Angeles County Voter Fraud Hotline **(800) 815-2666**

To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities, call the County Registrar-Recorder. Press 3 on the options menu.

Additional information is available on our website:

clerk.lacity.org/elections



Vote-By-Mail

- **Would you like to vote at your convenience?**
- **Are you unable to go to your polling place on Election Day?**

Vote-By-Mail is available to any registered voter eligible to vote in this election. **Use the application on the back cover of this booklet to request your Vote-By-Mail ballot, following these simple instructions:**

1. Fill out the application on the back cover of this booklet.
2. Please apply immediately. Applications must be received by the City Clerk by February 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
3. If you are unable to fill out this application or need additional information, call the Vote-By-Mail Section at **(213) 978-8050.**
4. Place a postage stamp on your application. The post office will not deliver without proper postage.

NOTE: Voters with Permanent Vote-By-Mail status do not need to reapply!

To become a Permanent Vote-By-Mail voter, call (562) 466-1323, or visit **LAVote.net**, or write to: Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450.

For additional information, call us:

City of Los Angeles, City Clerk-Election Division
Vote-By-Mail Section: **(213) 978-8050.**

Visit our website:

clerk.lacity.org/elections



RETURN ADDRESS

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY CLERK ELECTION DIVISION
PO BOX 54377
LOS ANGELES CA 90054-0377



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without proper
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VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION—Primary Nominating Election - March 3, 2015**(MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK BY FEBRUARY 24, 2015, 5:00 P.M.)**

Mail this application to the P.O. Box shown on the reverse side or fax it to (213) 978-0611 or (213) 978-0612.
For Vote-By-Mail information call (213) 978-8050.

I have not and will not apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot by any other means.

REGISTERED NAME:

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

**ONLY THE
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REGISTERED RESIDENCE
ADDRESS:

Number and Street (DO NOT USE P.O. BOX) _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

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APPLICATION**

MAIL MY BALLOT TO:
(If different from above)

Number and Street (or P.O. Box) _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone No. _____

Date _____

Birthdate _____

X **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (MUST BE SIGNED TO BE PROCESSED)**
Please make a note of your polling place address listed below in case you decide to either 1) drop your voted ballot off, or 2) vote at your polling place on Election Day.

POLLS OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

YOUR POLLING PLACE IS: 

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
ELECTION DIVISION
555 RAMIREZ STREET, SPACE 300
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012



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